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- I am apt to view things condu de rose - but
in the case I believe I shall be sustained by
facts. If the time we have fixed is inconvenient
for you let us know immediately.

You have seen "the Abolitionists" - the new
Concord paper - Our friends seem to think we
must get up one in the City. The Liberator is
very well but we need one adapted to our
peculiar wants & views of things. The Kennebec
folks also wish a paper started there. We
can support but one & perhaps it is not
best to start any.

I write in great haste, which I
hope you will excuse -

Yours truly

P. H. Quenby

However the call may be framed. it will be so
contrived as to secure a good delegation I think from
the several towns. It will be a good plan for you
& Mr Thompson to spend the week here in lecturing.
The Convention will assemble at 10 o'clock A.M. on
Wednesday & arrangements will be made for
enough to occupy all hands for two days & as
much more as we can do. The evenings of every
day in the week will be devoted to Lectures - if -
(shall I write it? -) we can get a place to meet in.
The Casco Street House we can have but we
have determined to apply in writing to every
Parish & receive written answers and place
them on our files. Dea. Humphrey of North
Yarmouth writes me an admirable account
of the zeal & feeling of himself & friends in the
cause. & sends me about 25 names as Delegates
from his town. Mr Kent of Freeport writes like a
warm-hearted, devoted Abolitionist. I anticipate
a triumphant meeting for our cause. You
will tell me I am too sanguine. perhaps so

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My dear Sir

I have addressed circulars to the various towns of this County requesting the names of individuals friendly to our cause. We have to-day appointed Wednesday & Thurs. Feb. 11. & 12th as the time of our County Convention and this City as the place. We have done this in the belief that Mr Thompson & yourself would be with us. We shall hold our Convention whenever you can be present and if any time earlier or later suits your convenience I am directed to alter the time accordingly. The indications at present are that we shall have a full convention. Rev Mr. Kent of Freeport advises us to open our doors to all, so that as many may come in & vote as please. He says he does not care if we are voted down, he thinks the discussion of the truth will be favorable to us. The majority of our Board seem to be of this opinion but I think our object better to form the Society & let the discussion then be as broad as it will.